

REMARKS

Claims 1, 18, 23, 40, and 45-48 remain in this application. Claims 1, 18, and 23 have been amended. Claims 2-17, 19-22, and 24-39 have been canceled.


No new matter has been added by the amendments made herein.

Claims 45-48 have been allowed. Claims 17, 18, 39 and 40 were objected to. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 17 and its intervening claims. Claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 1, as amended.

Claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 39 and its intervening claims. Claim 40 has been amended to depend from claim 23, as amended.

Applicant submits that based on the foregoing, claims 1, 18, 23, 40, and 45-48 in their present form are allowable over the cited prior art. Applicant further requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should any further questions arise concerning this application or in the event the above amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor prior to any new office action relating to the present Application. Attorney for the Applicant may be reached at the number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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